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Case closed in death of Heath Ledger

Adventurer mourned

Local victim of helicopter crash remembered as a mentor to his peers

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

A Calgary man killed in a helicopter crash Wednesday morning is being remembered as a kind man with a taste for adventure.

Frank Moehling, 53, was one of four men found in the icy waters of the Kitsault River, approximately 150 kilometres from Prince Rupert, after their chartered exploration helicopter went down.

"It was just a regular morning rotation, 7 a.m.," said Gary Schellenberg, president of Coast Mountain Geological, the company that Moehling worked for. "It was quite common for him to get in and out of the helicopter to get out of the site."

The geological technician was doing camp management in northern B.C., and the sunny Wednesday morning turned tragic when the people in the camp witnessed the crash.

Schellenberg said Moehling had a "very calming demeanor" and that he was a mentor for his younger colleagues.

Judi Vandenbrink, a good friend of Moehling's, said his number one love was his daughter Kimberly. He was a considerate and intelligent man who loved the challenges of the north and often regaled friends with tales of his adventures. She said he was a wonderful friend who would be missed by everyone.

Frank Moehling

"Frank was the kind of person who would stop everything if someone asked for help and would be there for them," she said.

He also owned Spectrum Lighting in Calgary and had been actively involved in environmental causes.

The cause of the crash is being investigated by the Transportation Safety Board, and Schellenberg said that it had been the first accident the company had seen.

Other victims

- The pilot, David Jeffrey Reid of Sidney, BC, and Walter and Nicholas Bodnar of Winnipeg also died in the crash.

Shelter worries 'washed away'

EXTENSION Dottie Laithwaite is singing a different tune.

The former Lions Club president was lead singer in a chorus of senior and widow dissenters who opposed opening West Hillhurst's temporary homeless shelter seven years ago.

The city's planning commission approved extending the city-owned and Calgary Drop-In Centre operated shelter's life until July 2013 yesterday, pending a public consultation tentatively slated for October.

"I have absolutely nothing to complain about now," Laithwaite said. "We were very concerned but with the way they've managed this shelter, all our fears have washed away."

The shelter, which hosts up to 8,500 people annually and 150 per night, has had "little or no negative impact on the surrounding community," said city planner David Lupton.

Calgary Drop-In's Louise Gallagher said the shelter's residents are largely responsible for their acceptance.

"These men are not criminals," she said. "A lot of the people we help have full-time jobs and just need a roof over their heads."

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Radar eyes brisk cyclists

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Rowers shake off poor finish

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Former NHLer and Calgary Flame Theo Fleury put his name to a contract with the Golden Baseball League's Calgary Vipers yesterday. Team manager Mike Busch expects to see the former hockey star in action this weekend. See video online at www.metronews.ca.

Former Flame Fleury goes to bat with Vipers

SIGNED Theo Fleury played hockey with unbridled enthusiasm and intensity.

Now, the former Calgary Flames captain plans to take the same approach to his debut with the Calgary Vipers on Saturday against the Yuma Scorpions (5:05 p.m. start time).

"I'm probably the most fierce competitor that ever played the game of hockey," said Fleury after signing with the Vipers yesterday. "I lived my life that way, so when I come here on Saturday I'll be mentally prepared to play."

Manager Mike Busch is impressed with his attitude.

"I got a quote from Theo just when he came out," said Busch. "He's here to make the club. We'll activate him on Saturday and see what he's got."

LAURENCE HEINEN/FOR METRO CALGARY

Calgarians scold Beijing

RALLY On the eve of the official opening ceremonies for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, a group of Calgarians protested ongoing human rights violations in the hosting city.

The Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong gathered outside the Chinese Consulate yesterday with a message.

"We're here to call for an end to the human rights violations, and to create awareness," coalition spokesperson Jenny Yang told a group.

Winston Liu, a former Falun Gong prisoner who spent three years in a Beijing jail for downloading from a censured website, attended because: "People just need to know the truth."

Thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been severely abused in the detention facilities. METRO CALGARY

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Home building takes a plunge

Residential building permits in Calgary took a sharp 68.4 per cent dive in July compared to the same month last year, according to a Statistics Canada report released yesterday. The province's home building values dropped more than $1 billion in the first half of this year. METRO CALGARY

Local

Condo kitchen fire

A building fire at 5520 – 1 Ave SE caused extensive damage to the main floor of a condo last night shortly before 9 p.m. Crews quickly knocked down the fire, containing it in the kitchen area. Two adults and a teen escaped the fire unharmed. The cause is under investigation. METRO CALGARY

Police search for 2 men in assault on woman

DOWNTOWN City cops are investigating an assault on a woman who was attacked after leaving a downtown bar.

On July 26 the woman was walking alone in an alley on the 600 block of 8 Ave. SW when a man ran behind her and drop-kicked her to the ground. When she was on the ground he continued to kick her while another man watched.

The main suspect is described as a Caucasian, 19 to 25-years-old, about 6-ft-1, with a shaved head and a short mohawk. He was wearing combat boots, army style pants and a black bomber style jacket with an orange liner.

The second man is described as Caucasian, same age and height with longer blond hair.

If anyone has information they are asked to call police at 266-1234.

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Stolen Harley draw tickets recovered

RAFFLE EXTENSION The Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society has recovered and accounted for all of the tickets stolen in June.

The Society has also been approved to extend the draw date on its Harley Davidson Raffle by the Alberta Gaming and Lottery Commission.

The contest will now run until Dec. 19 and the draw will take place that night at 7 p.m. at The Roadhouse.

The tickets that were previously stolen will not be eligible for any prizes.

Tickets are available by visiting the website at www.cfbts.org or by calling 701-2876. METRO CALGARY

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Bylaw fines brake brisk bicyclists

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Bylaw officers have ended the education portion of their bike pathway effort, now moving into the enforcement phase, doling out tickets for speedy cyclists and other offenders on the city path system.

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School's out for city cyclists.

A month long education campaign by city bylaw officers which dished out more than 400 warning slips and 500 free handlebar bells drew to a close Thursday.

Now, $50 fines for pedalling over the 20-kilometre an hour limit posted on most city pathways and failing to announce your presence to pedestrians will become the norm.

"It's just another day for us, but this time the ticket books are out, this is the real stuff," said Bylaw boss Bill Bruce. "We've given out thousands of bells on the pathway system in the past, we've given away hundreds of helmets to kids and now it's time to step it up and put in some consequences."

Many joggers caustically quipped about their own paces under the scrutiny of a radar gun meant to haul aside fast-moving bikes, and James Frail, who was clocked 8-km/hr over the limit and was one of two cyclists to be written up on the south Bow River pathway, said he'd take to the road more often if there were proper laneways.

"I go the speed I feel is safe and comfortable for traffic and it's unfortunate that we have to resort to using a shared path," said Frail, who commutes to work by bike everyday and had a speedometer on his old bike, which was recently stolen.

"I'll try and watch it but I'll probably take to the road more just because it's such a low speed limit, it's very difficult to ride that speed, I could probably run that fast."

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Suspect sought in CIBC robbery

INVESTIGATION City cops are investigating a bank robbery at the CIBC located in the 500 block of 16 Ave NW.

The man approached the counter and produced a note indicating he had a weapon and demanded cash, and took off with an undisclosed amount.

The suspect is described as Caucasian, 35 to 40-years-old, 5-ft-6 to 5-ft-8 and 150 pounds. He was unshaven and was wearing a winter jacket, blue jeans and a baseball cap. METRO CALGARY

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Afrikadey! hoping to bridge gaps

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

The 17th annual Afrikadey! Festival has come to Calgary.

Between dance, theatre, film and music, the festival directors hope it will bring an understanding of African culture to Calgarians.

"Calgary has become a magnet for immigrants, especially for the Africans," said Tunde Dawodu, the festival's artistic director. He said that it's important to get to know your neighbours.

"We believe that to know a person you must know about their culture," he said.

On Friday, at the Calgary Public Library, there will be presentations by those affected by war-torn Sudan, including a screening of Emmanuel Jal: War Child. It's the story of the former child soldier who was rescued by a British aid worker. Emmanuel is now a recording artist who is at the festival.

Saturday will see a music festival down at Prince's Island Park. Tickets for the Saturday wrap-up, which includes African food and artists from around the world, are still available for $25.

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Calgary leads the way for B.C.
Former B.C. premier Mike Harcourt wants the Lower Mainland to follow Calgary's lead in the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness and is pushing the plan across that province. METRO CALGARY

Youth lured into sex trade across country, police say

Calgary Vice unit sergeant says problem not limited to Canada's eastern cities

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Luring young girls off the streets and into the sex trade isn't just a myth - it's happening in major cities across the country.

On Wednesday, Gatineau police charged a Gatineau couple after they allegedly lured, confined, drugged and forced three 17-year-old girls into prostitution, but Calgary cops say it's not a problem limited to the east.

"As long as there are young, vulnerable girls, there will be creeps out there trying to lure them."
Sgt. Mark Schwartz

"You can expect procuring to happen in any major cities. As long as there are young, vulnerable girls, there will be creeps out there trying to lure them," Vice Sgt. Mark Schwartz told Metro.

While the majority of girls procured may have drug problems or live on the street, Schwartz says the problem isn't restricted to youth at risk.

"It can happen to girls who come from good homes, too. Sometimes there are other factors."

But Schwartz warns young girls that if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

"Nothing is for free. If someone is offering you something, it comes with expectations, and if you have a bad feeling about something, there is probably a reason."

While the Ottawa-Gatineau case has shed some light onto the issue or luring and procuring, a spokesperson for a youth organization said the problem exists more than people know.

"It is absolutely a problem here, but one that is not on everyone's radar. I'm not sure if it's a high priority," Andrew Hunter of The Back Door told Metro.

He says anywhere you can find young girls up to the age of about 17, including the Drop-In Centre and even the Greyhound bus station; you will probably find adults trying to exploit them.

"If a young girl gets off at the bus station and doesn't know anyone, she can be a vulnerable target," he added.

Youth centres like The Back Door aren't often targets for luring young girls, Hunter said, mainly because it's away from downtown and helps young girls who want to get off the street.

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Yellowhead crash aftermath.

Diabetes led to crash: Medical examiner

ACCIDENT A semi-truck driver who died after his vehicle plunged over a bridge on Yellowhead Trail in Edmonton, suffered from diabetic complications before the fiery crash last March, ruled a chief medical examiner yesterday.

In a written statement, Chief Medical Examiner Graeme Dowling said Mark Santos was suffering from low blood sugar when he was driving the wrong way before the crash.

"Mr. Santos died as a result of the fire, and the only reasonable conclusion that can be drawn following our investigation is that he was suffering from a low-blood sugar as a complication of his diabetes at the time," read by another medical examiner during a phone interview with Metro.

The 25-year-old was spotted driving erratically before the crash, and one passenger in a nearby vehicle captured the collision on camera as the semi plunged off the overpass on a set of CN rail tracks.

A ball of flames was seen on the video after the truck made the jump.

Police have already concluded their investigation into the crash.

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Joanie Snodgrass and Frankie Poulain lead the Sistership dragon boat in practice for the big Dragon Boat race held this weekend at North Glenmore Park.

Races row in different direction

Organizers hope to embrace tradition of annual regatta

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DRAGONBOATS It's not just about the races anymore.

Calgary's Community Dragon Boat Race and Festival, which runs Saturday and Sunday at Glenmore reservoir and is hoped to draw nearly 10,000 people, is taking on a much more inclusive and cultural feel this year, said its chairman Chris Wong.

"We just couldn't let this thing die, it's too important to Calgary to have an event like this."
Chris Wong

"Over the years we've lost sight of the actual importance of this event to Calgary and haven't done enough to encourage multicultural participation with a festival-style event," he said. "Sure, it's still about the Dragon Boat races, that's an important part, but we need to focus less on the highly competitive nature of the sport and more on using it to build community links."

Towards that end, Wong said, on top of oriental music, this year's event will feature First Nations dancing, belly dancing and classic guitar playing, even though they only had about four months to pull it all together as the event was originally cancelled at Glenmore Reservoir.

"We've done everything we can for this year, we would have liked to do more, but there wasn't much we could have done about the time factor," Wong said. "We just couldn't let this thing die, it's too important to Calgary to have an event like this."

Suspicious parcel leads to post office evacuation

PROTOCOL The police tactical team had to be called in to disarm a suspicious package at the Calgary Post Office yesterday morning.

While the package turned out to just be "promotional items," Duty Insp. Kirk McCallum said the postal workers were just following safety measures.

"They have a protocol and for some reason found something suspicious about this package and we were brought in to safely deal with it," he told Metro. "We found nothing dangerous inside."

After police deemed the packed safe it was back to business as usual for the staff workers, who were initially evacuated until police could clear the package.

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News in brief

BUS CRASH A man crushed under the full-weight of a Calgary Transit bus is recovering in Foothills hospital with serious injuries, according to city EMS. The 44-year-old man was attempting to load the bus onto a flatdeck trailer near Beddington Trail and Berkshire Blvd. around 10:30 a.m. when it slipped off and pinned him momentarily.

RETAIL Street level retail space moved one step closer to Stephen Ave. dominance yesterday. While it must be approved by council, Calgary's planning commission jumped onside a move by Aldermen John Mar and Druh Farrell pushed to exclude new office space and banks on street level, allowing Stephen Ave. to maintain its status as the main retail space downtown. METRO CALGARY

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Libraries without borders stopped at the border

The theme is "Libraries Without Borders" but at least four overseas presenters failed to get visas for the International Federation of Library Associations conference in Quebec starting today because they were considered threats to try and remain citizens after it ended. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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"It's a great moment. I can't think of anything right now."

Pete Bray, speaking to his 25 employees who all shared in winning half of the $45,145,712 Lotto 6/49 prize.

Big win

The prize was the second largest ever offered in Canada and was split between two winning tickets. The other winning ticket was purchased in Quebec.

Canada buys six helicopters from U.S.

Canada will overcome a critical shortage of military transport helicopters in Afghanistan by buying six used machines from the United States as well as leasing six Russian-made aircraft, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said yesterday.

Canada has no transport helicopters in Afghanistan and, in MacKay's words, has been reduced to "hitching rides with allies." Canada has 2,500 troops in the southern city of Kandahar on a mission that is due to end in 2011.

Ottawa will buy six used Boeing Co Chinook helicopters from the U.S. government for a sum not exceeding $292 million. The aircraft are already in action and will be available for operations by February 2009.

In addition, Canada will lease six Russian-made Mil Mi-8 helicopters for a year for up to $36 million, depending on how much they are used.

"These helicopters will mean less use of convoys to move and resupply our troops and bring humanitarian relief over dangerous terrain, and (they) better protect our soldiers against (bomb) attacks," MacKay told a televised news conference in Saint-Hubert, Quebec.

Ottawa has already committed to buying 16 medium- to heavy-lift Chinooks, which are due to be delivered in 2012. Canada will send an extra 250 soldiers to Afghanistan to help operate the helicopters and UAVs. **REUTERS**

unmanned drones

MacKay also said Canada would spend $95 million over two years to lease unmanned aerial surveillance vehicles (UAVs) from MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd.

B.C. mothers stage protest in H&M

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

UPSET A horde of breastfeeding women overran a downtown Vancouver clothing store yesterday in a noon-hour "nurse-in" protest, sparked by reports that a new mother was asked to breastfeed in a private fitting room.

Around 150 mothers with their babies (and almost as many strollers) crowded into the newly opened H&M on Granville Street and nursed en mass: some sitting on the floor, other standing in crowded aisles.

An organizer of the rally seemed shocked that so many mothers showed up.

"I was thinking five people — that'd be great," said Veronika Polanska. "Ten — that's even better. Fifteen — yeah. Twenty — it's a victory. But it seems to be a little more than that."

The nurse-in was called after a Chilean graduate student claimed she was asked by staff to stop breastfeeding on the sales floor and move to a special fitting room.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Carli Spielman, nurses her daughter Frankie, 2, at the H&M clothing store downtown Vancouver yesterday.

On Saturday, Manuela Valle, 34, a PhD student in women's and gender studies at the University of B.C., was at the store with her husband and two-month-old daughter Ramona. Valle started breastfeeding, but was soon asked to stop and to move to a private fitting room

Laura Shankland, a spokeswoman for H&M, said the situation was being investigated and that she was sorry it happened.

Emerson downplays PM's Beijing absence

POLITICS Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson is heading Canada's delegation at today's opening of the Beijing Olympics.

When Emerson isn't wishing Canadian athletes the best, much of his time in Beijing will be spent meeting with Chinese officials, including his counterpart Yang Jiechi, a spokesperson for Emerson's office said.

David Emerson

Emerson insists Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who has made no secret of his concerns over China's human rights record, is not snubbing the People's Republic by not attending the Games. He says Harper has encouraged him to improve relations with China.

"We're now at a stage where both China and Canada are very happy to engage in ways that will enable us to continue to express our differences," Emerson told reporters in Beijing yesterday. "I think everybody's aware that there has been a bit of testiness in the Canada-China relationship in the last couple of years." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Lifeguard files human rights complaint

A Montreal lifeguard has filed a human rights complaint against thel YMCA after she was told she couldn't wear her hijab on duty. The young woman has been swapping her traditional Muslim head scarf at the poolside for a swimsuit that covers everything but the face, hands and feet. METRO CANADA

Alberta expands sheriff powers

LAW ENFORCEMENT Alberta Sheriffs will soon be adding the ability to enforce impaired driving laws to their highway patrols, said Solicitor General Spokesman Andy Weiler.

At present, sheriffs are only able to hand out a 24-hour suspension for suspected impaired driving, and can't administer a Breathalyzer test or formally charge drunks, as the charge falls under the Criminal Code.

"Our plan is to extend their authority to allow them to do those investigations from beginning to end," Weiler said. "That will allow them to take care of the matter right there so they don't have to pull off another policing resource to come and do the investigation.

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Another bear incident in B.C.

Animal climbed into basement of family's residence

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Canada

A bear was shot in Coquitlam's Westwood Plateau neighbourhood after it broke into a home yesterday morning — the second aggressive bear shot in the area in two days.

The animal entered through the basement window of a house on 2200 Turnberry Lane, which is in front of a heavily wooded area. The residents were home at the time, upstairs, and said they only noticed the bear after people at an adjacent golf course called police.

"When the RCMP arrived, the bear was outside with the food it took from the kitchen, it then went back into the basement," Const. Sharen Leung said. "When it came back out on its own, it showed some aggressive behaviour so we shot it, hit its shoulder and it climbed up a tree."

SHANE MACKICHAN/FOR METRO CANADA

RCMP and conservation officers load a dead black bear into a pickup in Westwood Plateau in Coquitlam yesterday.

Conservation officers soon arrived and tranquilized the 180-kilogram bear, which eventually came down from the tree and was later killed by the RCMP.

"When the conversation officer approached the bear, it started to move and, due to its aggressive and high-risk behaviour, police had to shoot it to protect the public," she said.

On Wednesday, a 49-year-old woman was attacked by another bear in the same neighbourhood while gardening in her front yard.

The RCMP also shot and killed that animal after the attack.

The woman, whose name is believed to be Kate Yin, was treated for a torn scalp and numerous bite wounds.

News in brief

CLEVER ESCAPE The RCMP is looking for a man they say escaped from a B.C. jail by posing as another inmate during a court appearance. A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for Dean Sykes, who was in custody at the North Fraser Pretrial Centre in Port Coquitlam. The Mounties say Sykes, whose violent criminal record includes assaulting a police officer and unlawful confinement, appeared in court Tuesday posing as a different inmate, and was released. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Feds endorse Toronto bid for Pan Am Games

FUNDING Prime Minister Stephen Harper is backing Toronto's $1.77 billion bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

Harper yesterday gave Ottawa's endorsement of efforts to host the international sports event in Toronto and a dozen other Golden Horseshoe municipalities.

"It's very positive. It's a boost for the entire region," federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told the Star last night.

security costs

Flaherty emphasized that Ottawa's funding commitment is still being finalized because security costs are being calculated with the OPP, the RCMP, CSIS and other agencies.

"Toronto hasn't had a major sporting event in many, many years," said Flaherty, who is Harper's Greater Toronto Area minister.

He added that in difficult economic times, the Pan Am Games would "create jobs and construction activity" and leave behind an infrastructure legacy in the GTA and beyond. Ottawa's move, which came months earlier than expected, led Premier Dalton McGuinty to start packing to fly to China to lobby sports officials at the Olympics.

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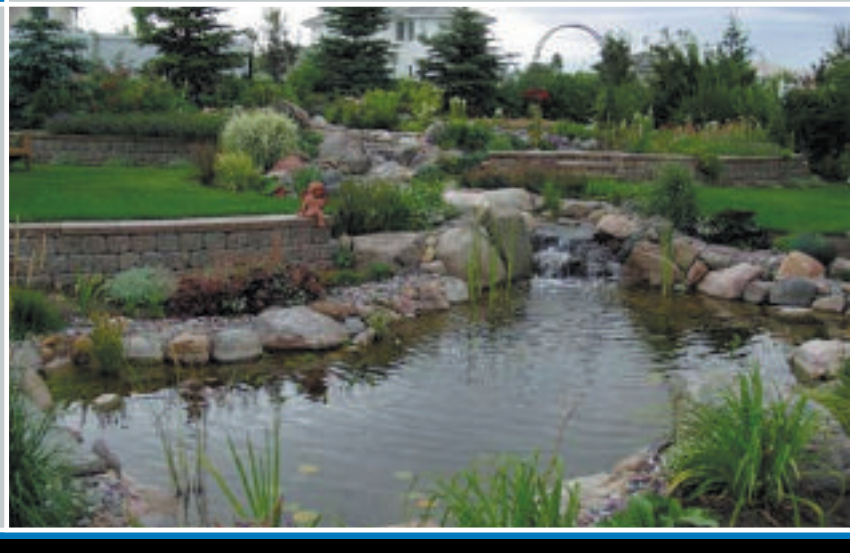

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Millionaire's life on the auction block

An eccentric British millionaire has put his entire life up for sale on the Internet — including his title of Lord of the Manor of Warleigh — in the hope of converting his assets into cash. David Piper wants to sell his west of England existence on the auction site EBay and move to London to be closer to his children. REUTERS

World

Blow-up church hits the beach

Catholic nuns and priests in Italy are following their flocks to the beach this summer, establishing an inflatable church and a beach-convent in the sands to lure sunbathers. The 30-metre long blow-up church — staffed by priests ready to take confession — will debut on Saturday on the Adriatic coast in the Molise region, an organizer said. REUTERS

Opponents look to oust Musharraf

COALITION Pakistan's ruling coalition will move to impeach President Pervez Musharraf on charges of plunging the country into a political and economic crisis, party leaders said yesterday.

They also warned Musharraf, a former general who first came to power in a 1999 military coup, against any attempt to dismiss the government.

The move is likely to deepen political uncertainty in the key U.S. ally which already faces a faltering economy and a threat from Islamist militants. REUTERS

News in brief

GUANTANAMO BAY A jury of U.S. military officers sentenced Osama bin Laden's driver, Yemeni-born Salim Hamdan, to just 5 1/2 years in prison yesterday for supporting terrorism. The trial was the first the first U.S. war crimes tribunal since post-World War Two.

MAURITANIA Leaders of a military coup in Mauritania promised yesterday to hold a free and transparent presidential election as soon as possible, but the United States suspended aid and demanded an immediate return to civilian rule. REUTERS

Bush rebukes China over human rights

Criticism comes as Beijingers gear up for Games

Having publicly promised that he would not "politicize" the Olympic Games, U.S. President George W. Bush caught Chinese officials off guard yesterday, sharply criticizing Beijing on human rights, just hours before he set off for China from Bangkok.

The criticisms stung the Chinese — especially on the eve of the Olympics. Before Bush landed here last night, the country's ministry of foreign affairs had already reproached him.

"We resolutely oppose any words or actions which interfere in the internal affairs of another country in the name of issues such as human rights and religion," foreign ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said in a statement posted on the ministry's website.

Bush wasted no time raising the touchy issues of religious freedom and free speech after arriving in China, using the dedication of a new American embassy in Beijing to drive home his point. "We continue to be candid about our belief that all people should have the freedom to say what they think and worship as they choose," he said at the embassy dedication.

LARRY DOWNING/REUTERS

U.S. President George W. Bush, Laura Bush and daughter Barbara are greeted by Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi at Beijing Capital International Airport yesterday.

Meanwhile, Beijingers waved flags, painted their faces and snapped pictures of Olympics venues Friday morning, excited about the opening of the Games after years of planning, hoping and waiting.

Newspapers splashed pictures of fireworks and the showpiece venues. Commuters crammed into a subway car all silently pored over a special Olympic supplement blaring a headline "Realising the dream."

"I never thought I'd see this day. We just feel so fortunate and happy," said Shi Le, 73, out for a morning stroll.

When she moved to Beijing from the countryside 50 years ago, China was poor, diplomatically isolated and gripped by the fervour of radical Communism. REUTERS

Mayor jailed for violating bond terms

INDICTED A judge yesterday jailed indicted Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for violating the conditions of his bond by crossing the Canadian border without permission.

The 38-year-old mayor, once seen as a rising star in the Democratic Party, faces a trial on charges of perjury, obstruction of justice and official misconduct stemming from a sex scandal and his handling of a whistle-blower lawsuit.

Kilpatrick

He went to neighbouring Windsor in July without informing authorities, a breach of a condition of his $75,000 bond that allowed him his freedom before trial.

Kilpatrick has steadfastly refused calls to step down. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, also a Democrat, has the power to remove him, but has not stepped into the case.

The mayor may face additional charges from an incident last month in which he shoved a sheriff's deputy serving a subpoena. REUTERS

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Obama, McCain reveal pop culture favorites

U.S. presidential candidate John McCain's favourite pop culture icon is Batman while rival Barack Obama chose Spider-Man and Batman. In music, McCain picked ABBA, Roy Orbison and Linda Ronstadt. Obama favoured Frank Sinatra, Bob Dylan, Sheryl Crow. REUTERS

U.S. surveillance buildup planned

PLANES The U.S. Defense Department plans to spend $2.2 billion US on a new fleet of spy planes and unmanned drones for Iraq and Afghanistan to track militants, officials said yesterday. It is part of a push by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to use military force with more precision in the two campaigns. REUTERS

UN inspector in Iran for nuke talks

AIM A top UN nuclear watchdog official, Olli Heinonen, began talks in Iran yesterday aimed at improving cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency over Tehran's nuclear program. Diplomats said the visit was an effort to get clarifications about reports Iran tried to design atomic bombs. REUTERS

Light metal **Fringe festival**

DAVID MOIR/REUTERS

Performers from The Aluminum Show, a mixture of puppetry, dance and magic, are seen in the Royal Mile during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Scotland, yesterday.

McCain slams Obama over drilling for oil off U.S. coasts

SCORN U.S. Republican presidential candidate John McCain poured scorn on his Democratic rival Barack Obama for failing to match his commitment to drilling off U.S. coasts for oil and natural gas.

McCain returned repeatedly to a theme that has moved to centre stage this week in an increasingly bitter contest between the two candidates. McCain says he wants an "all-of-the-above" approach to solving U.S. energy problems, which have seen gas prices rise to more than $4 a gallon. He advocates a range of measures and wants Congress to rescind a ban on drilling off U.S. coasts.

Obama claims McCain has misrepresented his plans on energy for political gain but Republicans see the issue as one on which they have an advantage because of shifting voter sentiment in favour of drilling. REUTERS

Threat to kill Obama

Police hold man in Florida

A man with self-described mental health problems was ordered held without bail in Florida yesterday on charges that he had threatened to assassinate U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama or U.S. President George W. Bush.

Raymond Hunter Geisel was arrested by the Secret Service in Miami Saturday after making threats before other participants against both Bush and Obama at a bail bondsman's training course, according to federal court papers.

A Secret Service affidavit said Geisel denied making the threats.

An unidentified female witness told investigators that Geisel had said during the course between July 25-28, "That nigger, if he gets elected, I'll assassinate him myself." Obama would be the first black U.S. president if elected.

Another witness was said to have overheard Geisel say at a hotel that he hated Bush and wanted to put a bullet in his head.

Police found a cache of ammunition, including armour piercing bullets, and a handgun in Geisel's sport utility vehicle and the Miami hotel room where he was staying while attending the bail bondsman's course. It is legal to possess armour-piercing bullets in Florida. REUTERS

Background

- Court documents said Geisel, a long-term resident of Bangor, Maine, had described himself as a victim of physical and emotional abuse when he was younger

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The Corpse Flower a big hit
A phallus-shaped flower that reeks of rancid cheese has attracted big crowds at the National Botanic Garden of Belgium. REUTERS

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A woman speaks to diplomats and journalists visiting the village of Upper Nikozi in the Georgian-controlled part of South Ossetia, some 100 kilometres from Tbilisi, as a soldier looks on.

Georgian troops advance

Georgian troops surrounded the capital of breakaway South Ossetia yesterday after launching an assault and Russia called on the world community to avert "massive bloodshed."

Government forces moved into the rebel territory, which broke away from Georgia more than 15 years ago, after a fragile ceasefire collapsed in just a few hours on the eve of Russian-mediated peace talks.

Russian news agencies said Georgian forces had launched a tank-led assault on the capital, Tskhinvali, and Russian television reported that at least 15 people had been killed by shelling.

Separatists, who have controlled the region since the early 1990s, vowed to repel the attack without calling for help from Moscow, their main backer.

In a sign of broadening conflict, hundreds of volunteers from Russia and Georgia's other breakaway region of Abkhazia headed to South Ossetia to support the separatist forces, Russian news agencies reported.

The Russian Foreign Ministry appealed for efforts to prevent huge bloodshed in a statement.

"It is not too late to avert massive bloodshed and new victims," it said.

"We hope our foreign partners will not remain impartial in this difficult moment, when the fate of hundreds of thousands people is decided." REUTERS

Iraq to begin oil exploration again after two decades

Iraq will resume searching for oil today for the first time in two decades, the Oil Ministry said yesterday, in the hope of finding vast reserves that lay undiscovered because of sanctions and war.

Iraq has 115 billion barrels of proven oil reserves, the third largest in the world, but the government believes the country's actual oil reserves may be three times as high.

Asim Jihad, spokesman for the Oil Ministry, said it had trained three teams of geophysicists, geologists and engineers and would kick off exploration in the Gharraf Field in Nassiriya in southern Iraq.

"(Today), the equipment will be turned on to start the first oil exploration for 20 years," said Jihad.

Iraq has only used about a fifth of the country's 500 possible oil-producing sites and they needed to explore more to try and confirm potential reserves.

"These teams are part of a group the oil ministry formed to renew exploration activity in order to change the unconfirmed reserves to confirmed ones," he said. REUTERS

Publisher pulls novel on Islam to avoid acts of violence

Publisher Random House has pulled a novel about the Prophet Muhummad's child bride, fearing it could "incite acts of violence."

The Jewel of Medina, a debut novel by journalist Sherry Jones, 46, was due to be published on Aug. 12, and an eight-city publicity tour had been scheduled.

Random House said in a statement that the company received "cautionary advice . . . that (the book) could incite acts of violence by a small, radical segment." REUTERS

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Car design firm head Pininfarina dies in scooter crash

Andrea Pininfarina, 51, head of the company which designs Ferraris, Fiats and the Ford Focus, died in a road crash yesterday near the Italian city of Turin, riding his Vespa scooter. He was married to Cristina Maddalena Pellion di Persano. REUTERS

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Wal-Mart workers win appeal

JOBLESS Wal-Mart Inc. suffered a defeat yesterday when the Supreme Court agreed to hear a challenge of the company's 2005 decision to close a Quebec store that had been the first in North America to obtain union certification.

Former employees charged they had unfairly lost their jobs because of their union activities. Wal-Mart's Canadian subsidiary insisted that they had lost their jobs for the "good and sufficient reason" of the closure of the store. The court gave no hint of which way it was leaning on the issue.

No Wal-Mart outlets in the United States or Canada have collective agreements in place, though several in Canada have received union certification since the closure of the store in question in this case, which was in Jonquiere, Quebec. REUTERS

Makeover for Bell

Beavers get boot, unit names simplified

Change is in the air at soon-to-be-privatized BCE Inc. with Bell Canada's incoming owners looking at a major brand makeover.

After revealing earlier this month that "spokesbeavers" Frank and Gordon are being handed severance packages — along with 2,500 managers — Bell is rolling out a national brand campaign today that coincides with the beginning of the Olympic Games in Beijing.

TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

Bell ExpressVu will now be known simply as Bell TV.

The new fur-free look includes a more contemporary take on the company's blue logo and a tagline that reads "Today just got better" in English Canada and "La vie est Bell" in Quebec.

Bell is also simplifying the names of some of its business units to more clearly communicate the products and services being offered. Bell Sympatico will become Bell Internet while Bell ExpressVu will be known as Bell TV.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tim Hortons posts big profit

PROFITS Tim Hortons' profit jumped 11.5 per cent in the second quarter, thanks in part to higher prices, but some analysts questioned the sustainability of such gains, saying 75 to 80 per cent of the same store sales gains was due to price increases. REUTERS

Games sponsors hike hype

PAYOFF McDonald's brought out dancing girls and U.S. gold medallist Carl Lewis yesterday in a bid to hype its involvement in the Beijing Olympics, where corporate sponsors risk losing ground to ambush marketing.

McDonald's is one of 12 global sponsors paying up to $100 million each to sponsor the Beijing Games and use the Olympics images and logos, hoping their links to the massive media event will pay off and help them snare China's 1.3 billion consumers. REUTERS

Taxis **Move over London cab**

STEPHEN HIRD/REUTERS

A Mercedes London taxi drives beside a traditional London cab in London yesterday. German car giant Daimler AG wants London cabbies to swap their five-seater classic cab for the mini-van-style Mercedes Vito Taxi which seats six and pollutes less.

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China's flag bearer named
The best-known face of Chinese sport, 7ft 6in NBA basketball player Yao Ming, is to carry the host nation's flag at the opening ceremony today. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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Most expensive opening today

BEIJING China stages the most expensive opening ceremony in Olympic history today, keen to put the world spotlight on its modern face and the sports action after a build-up that fired up the Communist government's critics.

Guests in the head-turning "Bird's Nest" Olympic stadium will include U.S. President George W. Bush, who flew in straight after making his bluntest comments yet on rights in a nation many view as likely to rival his own for global hegemony this century.

Displaying its new economic clout, China has invested $43 billion on the Games — dubbed the greatest show on earth.

Islamist group threatens attacks

SECURITY A little known Islamist group has threatened attacks against the Olympics and urged Muslims to keep away from any activities linked to its events, two U.S.-based terrorism monitoring firms said yesterday.

"The Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP) issued a new threat ... against the Beijing Olympics," the SITE Intelligence Group reported. A similar report was carried by IntelCenter.

"Do not stay on the same bus, on the same train, on the same plane, in the same buildings, or any place the Chinese are," SITE quoted TIP as saying in a video. **REUTERS**

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Men's eight seek redemption

World champion rowers eye gold after disappointing finish in 2004

MARTY YORK
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They're world champions, just as they were before the Athens Olympics. And they're determined to win the gold medal at the Summer Olympics, just as they were in 2004.

But will the Canadian men's eight rowing team be disappointed, just as they were four years ago?

"We are going to Beijing to get the job done," team member Dominic Seiterle said. "We've been obsessed with this. Hour by hour. Stroke by stroke. Our goal is to confirm that we really are the best this time."

The Canadian crew has been training feverishly two or three times daily to make amends for 2004.

Despite arriving at Athens with the world championship, the Canadian men's eight finished a disappointing — disastrous, really — fifth in the Olympic final. It's been gnawing at them ever since. Last year, they won the world championship again in Japan.

"Our goal is to confirm that we really are the best this time."
Dominic Seiterle

"But," team captain Kyle Hamilton said, "I'd trade every world championship for one Olympic gold medal."

But what's changed for them since Athens?

Well, first, their boat. The crew has elected to dump the Canadian model it has used since 2002. They'll be racing in Beijing with a boat made in Germany.

"Some brands just feel a little better," said Hamilton, a native of Richmond, B.C. "It's not really much different than a golfer changing his clubs. We're looking for every edge we can get, and we feel better with the boat we're using now."

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The Canadian men's eight rowing team has been training feverishly to make amends for 2004.

Of course, it's not the carriage that wins the race. It's the horses. And the Canadians believe they have the horses, most of whom are from B.C. — Hamilton, Seiterle, Kevin Light, Ben Rutledge and Malcom Howard. Coxswain Brian Price, newcomer Andrew Byrnes and Adam Kreek are from Ontario. Jake Wetzel is from Saskatchewan.

Seiterle is especially psyched. He wasn't able to compete in Athens because of a serious blood infection that almost took his life.

"During the last Olympics, I was fighting for my life, so I don't take any day on (the water) for granted now," said Seiterle, who also overcame thyroid cancer in 1998. "I'm as focused as anyone can possibly be, I believe. I want to dominate every time I'm in the water."

Sure enough, that's the team's strategy, too. In Athens, the eight chose not to go all-out in a heat, and lost to the U.S. team. They felt that put them off their game for the rest of the Games. So in Beijing, they intend to row their hardest in every heat.

"We learned that a heat in the Olympics is not the same as a heat anywhere else," Hamilton said. "You have to treat every race at the Olympics like a final. You can't get caught with your pants down. Things just don't happen. You have to make them happen."

And the last word from the team's stern coach, Mike Spracklen: "I felt I was part of a team that let Canada down (in Athens). We need to put that right."

• The men's eight will be looking to secure a spot in the final by winning their heat on Sunday.

Heat coupled with pollution a recipe for disaster, expert says

PETER GODDARD/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clara Hughes, the only Canadian athlete to win medals at the Summer and Winter Olympics, thinks a lot of athletes competing in Beijing will "detonate before they even get to the start line."

Clara Hughes, the only Canadian athlete to win medals at the Summer and Winter Olympics, thinks a lot of athletes at these Games are going to "detonate before they even get to the start line" because of the triple threat of heat, humidity and pollution.

Hughes, a speed skater and cyclist still pretty much in full training mode in Beijing for the 2010 Winter Olympics while working as a cycling commentator for CBC Sports, went out for a 5:30 a.m. training run Wednesday and was not impressed.

"I could feel the effects of the air quality and the heat and humidity on my lungs, on my mucous membranes, everything," she said.

"I think we're definitely going to see a lot of athletes detonating before they even get to the start line because they're not going to adapt their training and their preparation," she said. "They're going to want to do just what they would normally do to be at their best on the day. Usually for endurance athletes that equals a lot of really hard work. They're going to have taper down and realize the energy output before the race is really even more crucial than the energy output during the race."

Indeed, it appears the Canadian women's rowing eight is struggling because of the conditions.

Barney Williams, an Olympic silver medallist and now CBC commentator whose wife, Buffy, is on the women's eight, said some athletes on the team are experiencing breathing problems after having been in Beijing for about a week.

Williams said the team was tested for asthma, in relatively benign conditions, before coming to Beijing. Because they tested out fine, they didn't put in any requests for a therapeutic use exemption for an inhaler, and now it's too late to get one.

David Ford of Edmonton, a former world whitewater kayaking champion, said he's glad his is not an endurance sport.

"For 90 seconds, I can deal with it but it is definitely noticeable in the lungs," said Ford. "I feel like I am on the verge of getting a chest cold all of the time, although it never quite comes through.

"We are supposed to have the best air in Beijing so I can't imagine what the marathoners are going to deal with. The biggest problem we have seen is when ... you can't see from one gate to the next. It's only happened a couple of times, but that is intense."

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Clippers add point guard Williams
The Los Angeles Clippers signed veteran guard Jason Williams, who had been with the Miami Heat. Last season Williams averaged 8.8 points and 4.6 assists per game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Cates wins monthly award

Saskatchewan running back Wes Cates, left, and British Columbia teammates Cam Wake and Paris Jackson were honored as CFL Players of the Month for July. Cates earned offensive honors for the Riders by rushing for a league-high 632 yards and seven touchdowns in six games, averaging 105.3 yards per contest. He also caught 19 balls for 234 yards and two more scores. Cates' 866 combined yards in fourth in the CFL. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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No borders for athletes

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As the Olympics open in Beijing today, I can't help but wonder what will happen to Becky Hammon when Russia meets the United States in women's basketball.

Big Shot Becky, as she's known for her wizardry in the U.S.-based WNBA, was born and raised in South Dakota and played college basketball at Colorado State before turning pro in New York and San Antonio.

In Beijing, she'll be Russia's point guard.

I kid you not.

Becky has no Russian background but, after being bypassed for the U.S. team, she signed a $2-million, four-year contract with CSKA Moscow to play in the Euroleague during the WNBA's off-seasons. Included in her contract was Russian citizenship.

Now, Hammon aims to lead Russia to gold. Already, she's received vicious hate mail from Americans. And U.S. coach Anne Donovan said: "If you play in the USA, live in the USA and you grew up in the heartland — and then you put on a Russian uniform — you are not a patriotic person in my mind."

This could get ugly.

• There's a Russian in the NFL.

Sergey Ivanov, a 23-year-old safety from Moscow, is at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' training camp. He won't make the team but will play in NFL Europe and could be a Buc next season.

"If American football was popular in Russia, I'd be rich," Ivanov said. "I'm the first Russian in the NFL. Nobody knows me in Russia, but my dream came true."

• And then there's Jujie Luan, the 50-year-old fencer we first told you about back in June. She'll represent Canada at the Olympics but is a legend in China, where she was born and still ranks as the country's only gold medalist in fencing.

Turns out Jujie's been training since July in China — at a sports centre that bears her name.

Jujie was a promising runner and badminton player in China at 16, when authorities ordered her to start fencing, against her wishes. "In China," she said, "you do what you're told."

• Remember this name: David Price. He's a blue-chip prospect, 10-0 in the minor leagues and about to join the already-formidable pitching staff of the Tampa Bay Rays … The St. Louis Cardinals' Troy Glaus, traded by the Blue Jays after last season, is a lock as the NL's Gold Glove third baseman.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Daughter's tip

• The B.C. Lions are starting to rely heavily on fullback Rolly Lumbala, a Calgarian recommended to the club by Christie Buono, daughter of coach Wally Buono. For details, read Marty York's CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

Packers send disgruntled Favre to Jets for conditional draft pick

NFL Brett Favre officially joined the New York Jets yesterday in a press conference before the team's preseason game in Cleveland.

Favre was traded to the Jets for a 2009 conditional draft pick. According to NFL.com, the Packers will receive a fourth-round draft pick in 2009 and could go up as high as first round pick if the Jets make it to the Super Bowl.

In related news the Jets released quarterback Chad Pennington yesterday.

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Brett Favre holds up his #4 jersey at a press conference as he is introduced as a member of the New York Jets prior to the a preseason game in Cleveland, Ohio yesterday

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Calzaghe-Jones Jr. bout set for November 8

The postponed light-heavyweight fight between Britain's Joe Calzaghe and American Roy Jones Jr will now be held on November 8, organizers said yesterday. The bout was scheduled for September 20 but was put back when Calzaghe injured his right hand in training in July. REUTERS

CFL **Stamps run over Roughriders 30-25**

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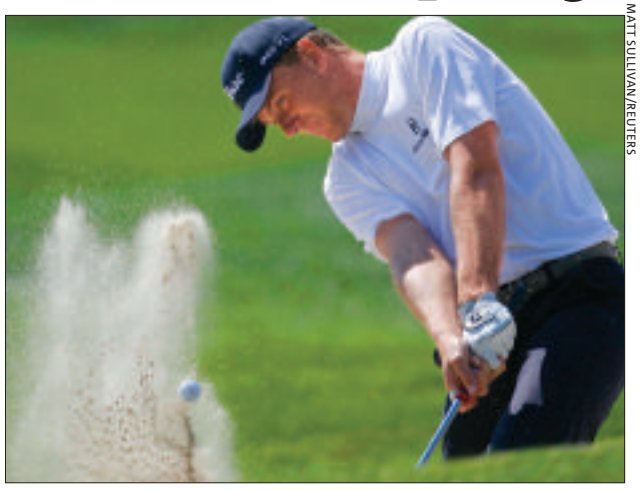
Joffery Reynolds and the Calgary Stampeders ended the Saskatchewan Roughriders perfect season by defeating them 30-25 last night in Regina. The Stampeders move to 5-2 on the season, while the Roughriders drop to 6-1 but are still alone in first place in the CFL'S West Division. Reynolds ran for 128 yards on 24 carries including one touchdown. Henry Burris threw for 214 yards and one touchdown but also tossed two interceptions.

Weather slows play

Robert Karlsson recovered from an early double-bogey to grab a share of the lead with India's Jeev Milka Singh after a weather-hit opening round at the U.S. PGA Championship on yesterday.



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Robert Karlsson of Sweden is tied for the lead after the first around at the 90th PGA Championship.

The Swede took advantage of ideal morning conditions to card a two-under-par 68 at Oakland Hills Country Club and end the day level with Singh, who shrugged off an ankle problem in an equally solid round.

Spaniard Sergio Garcia and Americans Sean O'Hair, Billy Mayfair and Ken Duke opened with 69s, while Phil Mickelson, tournament favourite in the absence of the injured Tiger Woods, overcame a bogey-bogey start to card a 70.

Eighteen players were still out on the course when play was suspended for the day in fading light, following a delay of one hour 25 minutes late in the afternoon due to the threat of lightning.

Karlsson, the only player to have posted top-10 finishes in the first three majors this year, was delighted after rattling in six birdies in 10 holes from the par-five second after double-bogeying the first.

"I played really well on the front nine and got the putter going," the Swede told reporters after teeing off on the par-four opening hole in the second group of the day.

"The greens were absolutely perfect so once I rolled a couple in, I tried to just keep going. But it's a tough golf course and the greens today were way firmer. I would think that there's not going to be many scores under par."

Among the day's late starters, British Open champion Padraig Harrington of Ireland and South African world number five Ernie Els returned matching 71s.

Best of the late starters yet to complete the opening round was Argentina's Andres Romero who was two under with two holes to play.

Canadian hopefuls Mike Weir is two over with two holes to play, Stephen Ames shot seven over.

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Original supermodels make comeback

In the next week or so, some very important September issues of fashion magazines arrive on newsstands. They will feature such legendary faces as Linda Evangelista, Christy Turlington and Naomi Campbell – the Holy Trinity, as they were known in '90s – in some of the most influential fashion ads. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Style

Battling cruelty with nudity

Champion swimmer Amanda Beard, left, is being called not only one of the sexiest but also one of the most compassionate Olympic athletes of all time. Beard, who appeared in Playboy magazine in 2007, now bares all in a new PETA ad protesting fashion furs with the tagline "Be Comfortable in Your Own Skin. Don't Wear Fur." According to a press release on the athlete's website (*amandabeard.net*), Beard posed nude to help raise awareness of the cruelty inherent in the fur industry. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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Game on footwear

With the Olympics finally here, what better time to strap your feet into a pair of Grecian sandals?

Perhaps because there were no lucrative footwear sponsorships – unlike the label-crazed Olympics today – the ancient Greek athletes ran in bare feet.

And with Olympic fever beginning to mount as the Games in Beijing draw closer, ordinary mortals are taking to the streets in one of summer's hot trends: Grecian sandals. But unlike the simple rope and leather styles the ancient Athenians wore, these have the powerful warrior-like look of Roman gladiators, brandishing studs, metal rings or armour-like shin plates.

And since lesser athletic goddesses can only dream of footwear sponsorship – a fashionista's ultimate idea of heaven – you can comfort yourself with the fact that some of these sandals at least come in winning Olympic colours: silver and bronze.

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Bronzed ring slippers, $90, Nine West

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Model/author Bruce Hulse.

Model touts kiss-and-tell memoir

When male model Bruce Hulse included his sexual exploits with several top models in his memoir about life in the fashion world, he did not expect to be branded "the bad guy," but he admits his honesty was naive.

His book, Sex, Love and Fashion: A Memoir of a Male Model, describes his early days as a lifeguard, playing professional basketball in Sweden and goes on to tell how he was discovered, and the parties and exotic locations that followed.

But it's the kiss-and-tell stories about the former Calvin Klein model's sexual adventures with some of the world's most beautiful women that have caused a buzz in the modelling world and sparked criticism of Hulse.

"Bruce Hulse never learned that gentlemen don't kiss and tell," wrote the New York Post. **REUTERS**

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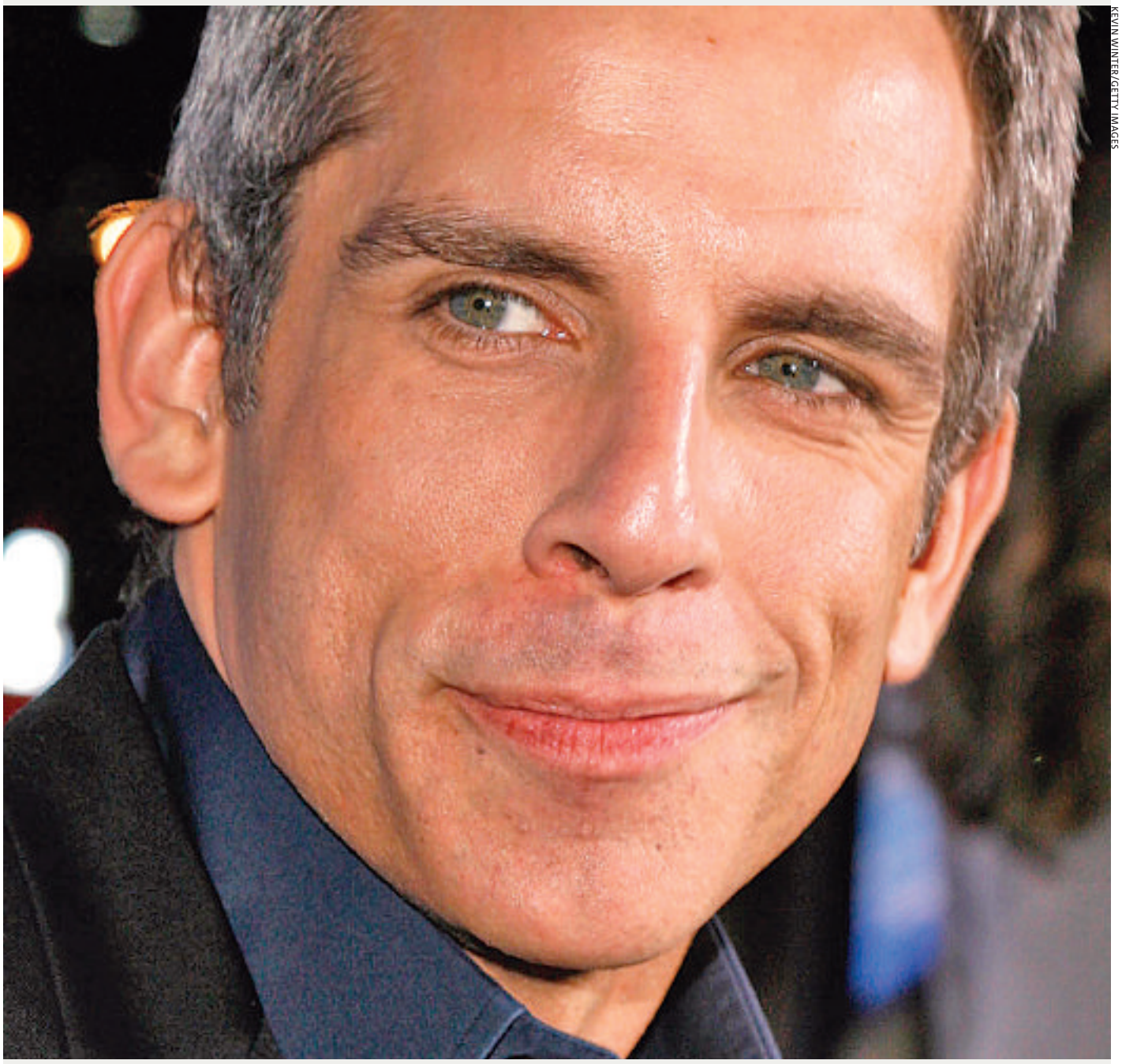

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Ben Stiller initially hesitated about acting in Tropic Thunder, the movie he was writing and directing. His original pick for the role of Tugg Speedman? None other than Tom Cruise.

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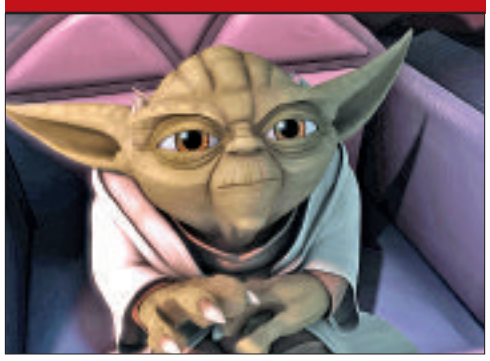

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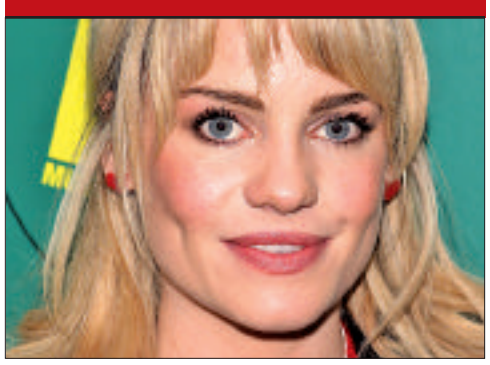

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Actors get Thunder-struck

Stars take us behind the scenes and on the set of Ben Stiller's latest comedy

KIM LINEKIN
for Metro Canada

Everyone in Tropic Thunder owes something to someone else. Before making the film, Ben Stiller hesitated about acting in it as well as cowriting and directing.

The guy he envisioned as Tugg Speedman, action star so desperate for a hit that he makes a war movie in a real jungle with hidden cameras? Tom Cruise.

"(Cruise) was lined up to play Ben's part, then Ben rethought it and put himself in the role," says Steve Coogan, who plays the director within the film.

According to Justin Theroux, Stiller's cowriter and executive producer, "In my mind, Ben was always going to play that part. He's done aging action stars well, previously in The Ben Stiller Show."

But Cruise is a friend of Stiller's, and got involved anyway. "He read the script and he was like, 'You have fun (mocking) actors – it'd be great to see you doing something with a studio guy,'" says Stiller.

Thus, the character of Les Grossman, foul-mouthed studio boss, was born, and Cruise was hooked.

"The studio head character was pretty small originally, and it was Tom who kept saying, 'That character should be bigger,' and eventually he ended up playing it," says Coogan.

It's not hard to see why Cruise wanted to poke fun at studio heads, given his well-publicized 2006 rift with Viacom CEO Sumner Redstone.

"There's nothing better for an actor in Tom's position than to be able to satirize that which he is involved in, and he went at it with glee," says Nick Nolte, whose own Vietnam vet character owes something to Oliver Stone.

Interestingly, Robert Downey Jr.'s character — an acclaimed Australian actor who dyes his skin to play an African American — wasn't based on Russell Crowe.

"He was written as an Irishman," reveals Stiller, "then (Downey]) said, 'I think I can improvise better in Australian.'"

Downey's inspiration remained Irish. "I was thinking of Colin Ferrell, particularly when I'm standing out on the balcony (naked). I also wanted to have a love child in my hand. I just wanted to be like, 'How dare you look at this baby I had with this woman you've never met?'"

Downey was so inspired by Tropic Thunder, he got Theroux the job of writing the Iron Man sequel.

"It's hugely intimidating," admits Theroux, "but also exciting because you're writing for Robert Downey Jr. So at the end of the day, that's an enormous amount of fun."

Jack Black, left, and Ben Stiller are two of the stars in Tropic Thunder, which opens Wednesday.

"There's nothing better for an actor in Tom's position than to be able to satirize."
Nick Nolte on Tom Cruise's role

No Grace, just Savage: Film a caricature of real-life characters

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Tom Kalin's Savage Grace applies a post-modern sensibility to a lurid story torn from yellowed headlines: In lieu of a thinly veiled Leopold and Loeb, Kallin re-stages the 1972 murder of American socialite Barbara Daly Baekeland (wife to the heir of Bakelite plastics empire). That the film is told from the murderer's point of view — and that said murderer is Baekeland's late son Anthony, with whom she had engaged in incestuous activities to "cure" him of his homosexuality — should give the material some queasy, true-crime-thriller pull, but the tone is so chicly chilly as to preclude even cheap heat.

Inevitably, period pastiche queen Julianne Moore plays Baekeland, and her quietly ferocious performance is easily the best thing about the film. With the opportunity to overact all but served up on a silver platter, she opts for underplaying, shrinking the dimensions of her broadly sketched society gorgon role down to human scale. But the writing is dreadful right from the opening voice-over, in which Anthony (played as a child by Barney Clark and as an adult by Eddie Redmayne), describes himself as the steamy residue of a failed marriage between hot and cold.

(There was, you may recall, a similar monologue in This is Spinal Tap, where the tortured metaphor was funny on purpose).

Kalin wears his art on his sleeve, framing the action with dramatic angles and punctuating the decades-spanning melodrama with none-more-noirish-ish musical cues.

It's all very self-consciously arch, and that might even be a canny choice for a film about people whose high-toned insularity led to their undoing, but it suggests that Kalin saw this material primarily as the means to an aesthetic end. The film investigates its tragic, complex real-life characters only to caricature and exploit them.

It's about superficiality, but it's also extremely superficial – a deeply shallow movie.

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Filmmaker takes horror fans on 'rollercoaster ride'

Ottawa fillmaker Jon Knautz directed and co-wrote Jack Brooks: Monster SLayer.

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If you take your shrieks of terror with gales of laughter, Jack Brooks is your man.

"I like horror films because I think they're so much fun," said Jon Knautz, the Ottawa filmmaker who co-wrote and directed Jack Brooks: Monster Slayer. "I have a good time when I'm watching them. It's exciting … you go through a little ride."

Jack Brooks, which opens in Calgary next Friday, is a throwback to a, um, kinder, gentler era for horror flicks.

"There was that craze in the '80s, where it was the Evil Dead movies, Gremlins and Nightmare on Elm Street that weren't just torturous, they got a little bit more creative," said Knautz. "There were monsters and creatures and that sort of stuff. In the early, mid-'90s, it stopped. Then came the Saws and Hostels."

"Let's get the guy who played Freddy Krueger."
Jon Knautz

Torture horror? Now where's the fun in that?

"The torture films are just a different experience," said Knautz. "That's not to say they're bad — I think they're great. But they're just not that kind of fun. They're not like getting on a rollercoaster … they scar you a little bit, and we didn't want to do that.

"We wanted to make the rollercoaster ride."

Jack Brooks is the story of a young plumber with a bad temper, girlfriend problems and a troubled childhood. He eventually confronts his past — with a vengeance.

"I think Jack Brooks in an every-day kind of guy," said Trevor Matthews, who stars as Jack. "He's not an Abercrombie & Fitch model. He's just your average Joe, but he's dealing with some problems in his life. He overcomes them, and becomes a hero.

"I think people can relate to that."

The heart of the story is evil, literally. Jack unknowingly awakens an ancient, evil heart when working on the rusted pipes of his night-school prof, played by Robert Englund.

That's Freddy Krueger to you, from the Nightmare on Elm Street films.

"We were like, 'Let's shoot for the top right off the bat,'" said Knautz. "'Let's get the guy who played Freddy Krueger. He'll work as a genre icon.'"

Movie morsels

Bottle Shock

REVIEW Aside from a scene in which Bill Pullman obliterates the top of a bottle of wine with a samurai sword, there are no surprises in Bottle Shock. This is partially because its story – about a group of affable, flannel-clad Napa Valley winemakers who turn the industry on its snooty French nose by producing a top-shelf Chardonnay – is based in fact:In 1973, the California-based Chateau Montelana won a French tasting contest and made the marketplace safe for American plonk. It's also because director Randall Miller never met a reaction shot or an overbearing music cue that he couldn't use: Bottle Shock is perfectly content to be pap.

Adam Nayman/Metro Canada

Swing Vote

REVIEW Earnest (Bud) Johnson – an affable small-town screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the U.S. Presidential election – is pretty much the prototypical Kevin Costner role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day. The film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson.

Adam Nayman/Metro Canada

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

REVIEW Sisterhood 2 explores how four friends — America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn and Alexis Bledel — handle increasingly adult responsibilities in their ever-separating lives, all the while struggling to maintain their childhood friendships. At the end of the day, Sisterhood 2 is a big cheer — hooray for the friends as everything works out (of course).

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

Pineapple Express

REVIEW Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favorite court jester Seth Rogen, this film is a Midnight Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder.

Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

REVIEW Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) returns to action with his wife (Maria Bello) after his son digs up the tomb of an evil Emporer and … well, as O'Connell exclaims, "there's a mummy on the loose!" Nobody expects perfection from this type of movie, but here, dialogue is expository and unfunny and the visual effects only mildly distract from a plot that leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000 year old bag of bones.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Dark Knight

REVIEW The follow-up to Batman Begins definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle.

People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Journey to the Center of the Earth

REVIEW Brendan Fraser stars in this 3-D film, which features, among other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick. While you don't want to think too much about what Journey has to say about plate techtonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Hancock

REVIEW Comic book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible boor who can't remember his past.

Like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world.

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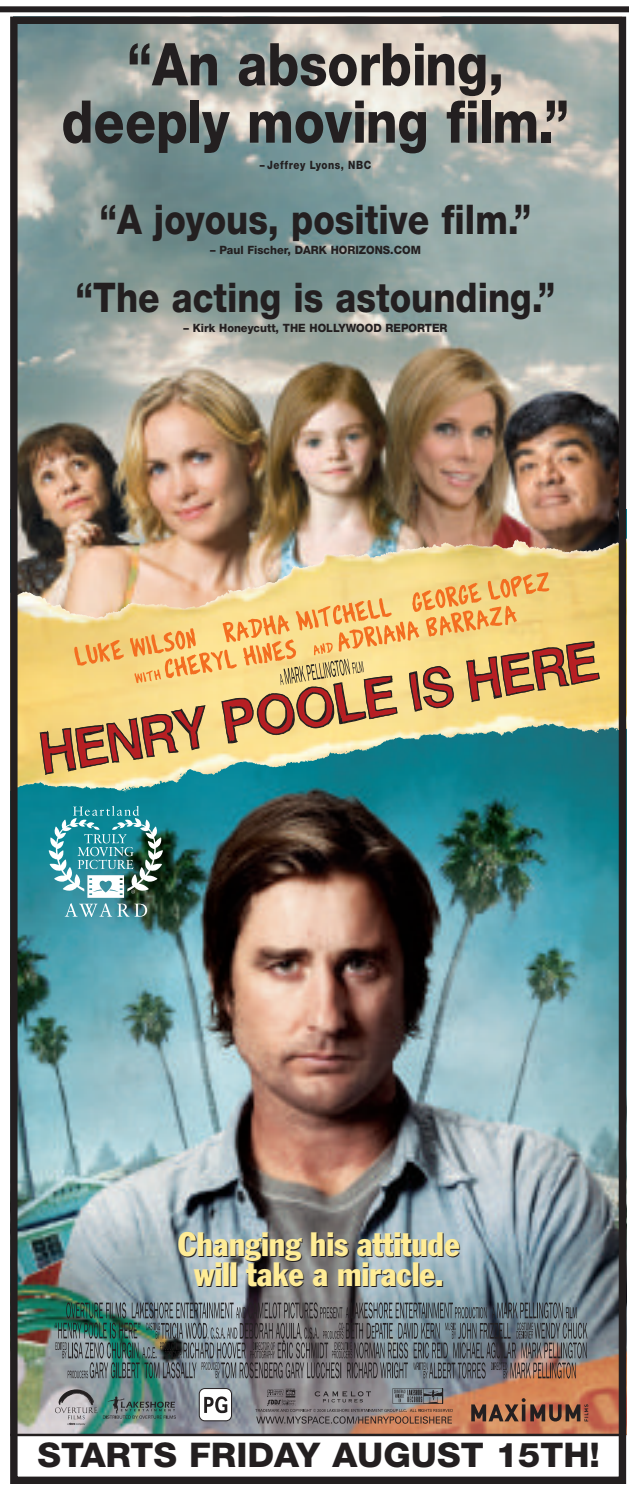
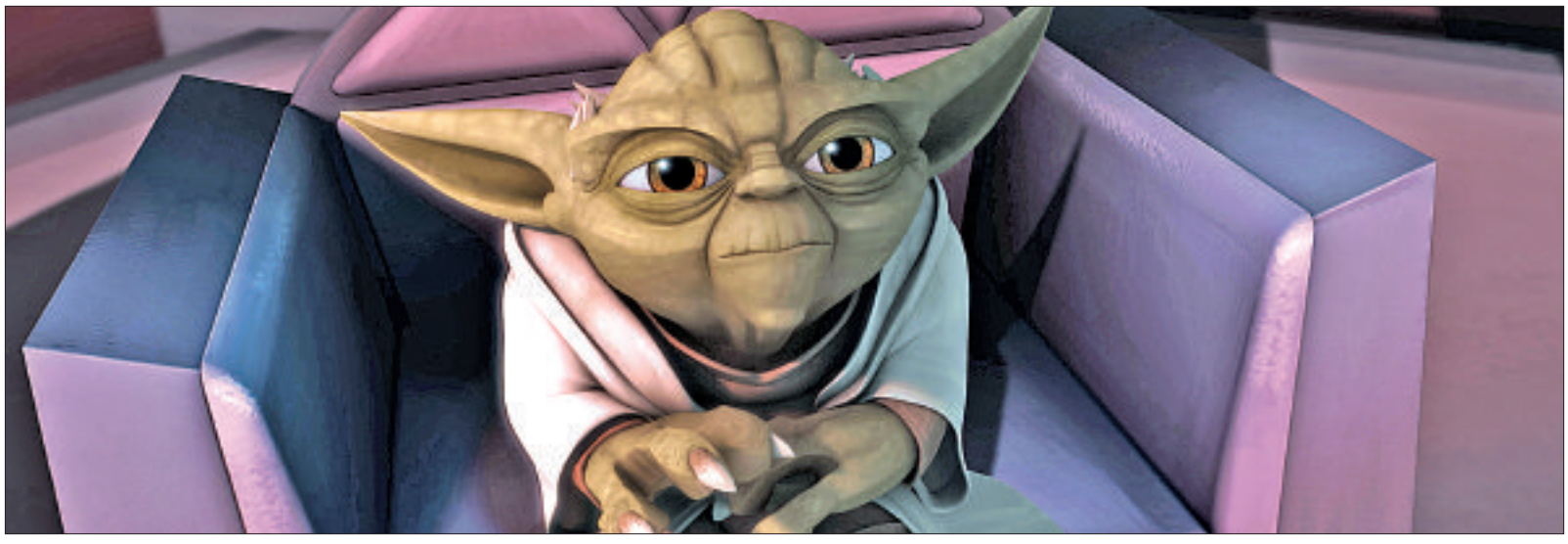


Star Wars goes to animation

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Yoda returns – in animation – in Star Wars: The Clone Wars, opening this weekend.

FEATURE George Lucas is a boldfaced liar. He said he was finished with the Star Wars franchise. Forever.

But sure enough, here we are, three years after Revenge of the Sith hit theatres and sci-fi fans are gearing up for the big-screen return of Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

Set sometime between the Attack of the Clones and Sith, this installment pits Anakin Skywalker in the middle of an intergalactic war led by Count Dooku. There, he joins Obi-Wan to lead the charge against the separatist army for the freedom of the Old Republic (it helps if you've seen the other movies).

Yes, it's all very exciting but there's just one catch: The Clone Wars is a cartoon.

"Animation is an area George has always wanted to explore," director Dave Filoni says during an interview at Lucas' Big Rock Ranch outside of San Francisco.

"As far back as his college days he worked a little bit in animation. He loved old Warner Brothers cartoons so it was kind of a natural for him."

Well, Lucas did actually have a hand in helping launch Pixar — the animation giant behind Wall-E and Finding Nemo.

As such, Lucas decided to tell his Star Wars story combining such disparate influences as computer animation and anime.

"It allowed us to be very dynamic and aggressive with the things in Star Wars," explains Filoni.

"All the things that were pushing your imagination already, we slid into an animation world and really intensified."

"I had a lot of freedom. Pretty much (Lucas) said make it something nobody had ever seen before and make it great and he sent me out the door." With that freedom, Filoni was able to craft new characters, including Ahsoka Tano, a young Jedi who is assigned the task of Skywalker's apprentice.

"The writer and I kind of thought, 'well, it would be great to have a girl'. We haven't seen a girl Jedi really as a focus character," insists Filoni. "It was fun. I got to pick what alien species she is because she's not totally human."

Time will tell how audiences will react to Ahsoka (will she be Boba Fett or Jar Jar Binks?) or if fans will embrace this latest Star Wars installment, but one thing's for sure — if George Lucas is satisfied, this galaxy from long ago and far, far away may not be over yet.

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"There's too much at stake for me to throw it away. I enjoy what I'm able to give my family. I enjoy the people that I'm able to wake up and work with. And I don't want to throw away what I've worked so hard for 12 years to achieve, based on an argument that takes place in 20 minutes."

Shia LaBeouf, talking to Details magazine about his problems with substance abuse before his recent rollover accident and DUI arrest. MSN ENTERTAINMENT

GETTY IMAGES

Contrasting role at centre of Amal

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

Amal, the hero of director Richie Mehta's movie of the same name, is a unique mix. Rickshaw driver, mama's boy. Reticent and placid, yet devoted and passionate. Part Forrest Gump, part Jesus Christ.

"I think that's the best way to put it," said Rupinder Nagra, who portrays Amal. "That's what it is: He's got all these saintly qualities, but yet he's oblivious to it all."

Amal drives a rickshaw in bustling New Delhi, India.

In a world where everyone is trying to get an edge or a buck, Amal isn't. As the story and the financial stakes escalate around him, Amal stays put.

"Here you've got a guy who's a nice guy, which you don't normally see on the screen," said Nagra over coffee in Toronto. "Nice guys who aren't corrupted and don't have to go through redemption and all that stuff.

"Once I found that zone of how to play him, I was really comfortable keeping it inside."
Rupinder Nagra

"But on top of that, he doesn't do things because he wants anything in return. He doesn't even realize how nice he is. To him, this is just the way you lead your life."

Amal, an entry in last year's Toronto International Film Festival, has won numerous awards on the festival circuit, prizes picked by both critics and fans.

But if Nagra had acted on his initial reading of the story, he wouldn't have taken the role. It was the ending that got to him.

"I read it, and I was really upset," Nagra said about the short story (written by Shaun Mehta, the director's brother) the film is based on.

"I remember if took me half an hour to call Richie (Mehta) because it just blew me away. It made me look at myself, and how do I value success?

"When I realized that, I was like, 'Oh my God — this is an amazing story.'"

But a tricky portrayal for Nagra. You might call it acting from within.

"Richie and I had lots of conversations about that," said the Indian-born, Hamilton-raised actor. "It's really about, OK — these are the emotions, but then reel them in, and keep them inside. I remember the first couple of days of shooting, it was a challenge because you want to react to something, or you could go over the top in terms of really, really holding it back in. "Once I found that zone of how to play him, I was really comfortable keeping it inside."

Rupinder Nagra plays the title role in Amal.

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Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05

The Happening Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7-10:05

The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:35

Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40

Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:40

Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-9:45

Singh Is Kinng (PG) Fri-Sat 2-4-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30-10:30 Sun-Thu 2-4-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30

You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-6:55-9:50

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The Dark Knight (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-12:15-3-3:30-6:50-7:20-10:20-10:45

The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30

Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 4:20-7:35-10:25

Hancock (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:45-10:30 Wed 12:15-2:40-5:10-10:30 Thu 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:45-10:30

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:35-10:35 Mon 1:30-4:25-10:35 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:35-10:35

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:35-7:05-9:40

Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:05

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Thu 4:15-7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Thu 1

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:45-12:15-12:45-2:45-3:15-3:45-6:50-7:20-7:45-9:45-10:20-10:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:45-12:15-2:45-3:15-6:50-7:20-9:45-10:20

Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:40-10:35

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:15-10:15

Step Brothers Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:25-10:40

Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:10-10:15

Tropic Thunder (14A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:30-10:30

WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-7-9:50

Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:20

X-Files: I Want to Believe Fri-Thu 1:20

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The Dogwalker (STC) Sun 12

Flight of the Red Balloon (PG) Fri 7 Sat 2:15-7 Sun 2:15 Mon-Thu 7

Fugitive Pieces (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat 12:10-4:30-9:20 Sun 4:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20

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The Dark Knight (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3:20-3:45-6:35-7:05-10:05-10:30

Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-6:30-9:15

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:20-10:10

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:35-5-7:35-10

Mamma Mia! Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:40-9:20

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Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:25-10:15

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Step Brothers Fri-Thu 12:25-3-6:55-9:50

Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Mon 12:35-3:35-7:15-10 Tue 3:35-7:15-10 Wed-Thu 12:35-3:35-7:15-10 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

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WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-7-9:25

X-Files: I Want to Believe Fri-Sun 1-3:50-7:10-9:55 Mon 1-3:50-9:55 Tue 1-3:50-7:10-9:55

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The Edge of Heaven (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:35-7 Mon-Thu 7

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 4:50

Savage Grace (18A) Fri 7:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-7:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:10

Young People F...ing (Fri-Thu 5-9:30

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Bestselling albums at Amazon.ca
1. Viva La Vida, Coldplay; 2. Mamma Mia! Soundtrack, Various Artists; 3. Fortune's Favour, Great Big Sea; 4. Two Men with the Blues, Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis; 5. All I Intended To Be, Emmylou Harris. METRO

Music

Black's alter-ego revealed

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Pixies leader-gone-solo Black Francis has pulled out his acoustic guitar for a few low-profile gigs to fans in Western Canada.

Reached at a truck stop en route to Oakland, Francis (real name Charles Kitteridge Thompson IV) explained that after transitioning back to his pioneering alt-rock persona, he felt the urge to strike out on his own.

"When you walk in on your own two legs, with just a guitar and no one else, and walk out with a pocketful of cash, you can't retire to the Bahamas, but psychologically, you feel like, 'Yeah!'" he said. "It's like you're 14 years old and you've just finished mowing someone's lawn and you make a few bucks."

The mini-tour comes a few weeks after Francis opened for the Stone Temple Pilots in arenas like the Hollywood Bowl. Despite the massive shift in venue scale, he doesn't experience much of a mental transition.

KRISTIAN DOWLING/GETTY IMAGES

Black Francis, formerly of the Pixies, is moving away from his rootsy, mellow Frank Black sound to a more id-powered, abrasive style.

"I think playing a small acoustic set can be more nerve-racking (than a stadium) since you're under the microscope," he said. "I don't think there's much of a headspace change … The things that bum you out are still the same, like the guy you catch yawning."

Francis also recently moved away from the increasingly rootsy, mellow Frank Black back to the id-powered alter-ego that fuelled the Pixies. Now two albums into his more abrasive style (2007's Bluefinger and this year's "mini-LP" SVN FNGRS), Francis feels settled.

"(The shift) is more of a continuum. It's a symbolic gesture to the universe or whoever, and one hopes that gesture is enough to cause change," he said. "I don't try to analyze it much — I do things more on intuition, without a lot of vision … I didn't feel like I could do it again (since I) hadn't been doing it in so long. It feels good."

For folks catching his acoustic sets, Francis will probably play songs written in both personas. He acknowledged his recent material is a little aggressive and band-oriented for an acoustic setting — though he might try it out.

in concert

- Catch Black Francis Saturday night at the HIFI Club.

Rock seeps into China

SoundCheck

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One of the things I remember about Beijing was how Western the city was trying to be. Young people are spending huge amounts on luxury goods, both real and fake. They also want to rock.

My state-assigned guide, Emily — real name: Wan Ting — was most proud of the iPod Nano knock-off she bought at Silk Alley, the seven-floor state-sponsored temple to trademark infringement east of Tiananmen Square. Her playlists, however, were a little thin, consisting of lots of Celine Dion and a female singer-songwriter from New Zealand I had never heard, despite Emily's protestations that she was in fact very big all over the world.

Emily had never heard of U2 or Coldplay. She was aware of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, but claimed not to like anything they've done.

To be fair, there's not much of a music industry in China outside of the pirates who press counterfeit CDs. The main avenue for music discovery is online, usually through Baidu, the big Internet service.

But change is coming. First, Google launched a China-only music search engine this week that gives users access to free legal downloads. Second, hoards of Westerners are descending for the Olympics, many of whom are bringing along their morally corrupting rock music. Widespread access to rock launched social, economic, artistic, political and sexual revolutions in the West. Could the Olympics be the Trojan horse by which this virus is fully introduced into China?

More on China, the Olympics and rock next week.

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Role hits close to home

GETTY IMAGES

Amy Brenneman's experience in counselling has helped her connect with her role as Dr. Violet Turner on Private Practice.

PONTUS HAMMARLUND
Metro World News

Fans may always associate actress Amy Brenneman to her role as a judge in the TV series Judging Amy, but these days she is practising psychology in Private Practice — and she has a lot of experience to draw from.

"After one year of marriage we went for counselling," Brenneman says.

That was after having been a couple for three years and married for one. But it wasn't really until then that we became man and wife for real."

The man is director Brad Silberling, and he and Brenneman have been married for 14 years and have two children. Their relationship is now solid, but Brenneman remembers the marriage counseling like it was yesterday.

"It was a scary moment," says Brenneman, who plays Dr. Violet Turner in Private Practice. "I didn't think that our marriage would end but I remember being scared about actually divulging things … My husband and I are still talking about it. We were just two people who were trying to figure things out. There was so much tenderness during the process."

"I dye my hair and wax my legs — that's enough."
Amy Brenneman

These days, Brenneman is a lot more open and laid back, and is happy to discuss most things, like Botox.

"I tried (Botox) because I'm 43 years old and have wrinkles," she admits. "And I don't like wrinkles. But I had a mad dermatologist that was like a pusher — 'do you want more?' It was bizarre, I couldn't move my face and I'm actually paid for being able to express complex emotions with my face. If I had been a model it would have been a different thing. So it was nothing for me. I dye my hair and wax my legs — that's enough."

Former manager sues actress Kudrow

IN COURT Lisa Kudrow may not be friends with her former manager, but she still has to pay him commissions, he claims in a lawsuit.

Scott Howard claims that the Emmy-winning actress failed to pay him commissions since she fired him in 2007. He is seeking damages of at least $50,000 US.

Howard became Kudrow's manager in 1991, before she hit TV gold with Friends. During her 10th year on the sitcom, Howard and Kudrow agreed to halve his commission rate to 5 per cent. Throughout her time on Friends and after, Kudrow paid all due commissions.

But since his firing, Kudrow allegedly has refused to pay Howard commissions for Friends or other work she did while he was her manager. Kudrow declined comment. REUTERS

Fox picks up Aussie Informant

TELEVISION Another format from Down Under is making its way to American television.

Fox is developing The Informant.

The show centres on Richard Button, a regular middle-class suburban dad who works as a police informant for an elite federal investigative agency.

Two upcoming comedies, NBC's Kath & Kim and Fox's Sit Down, Shut Up also are based on Australian formats. REUTERS

Richards' show may be on the rocks

•Actress Denise Richards' reality show Denise Richards: It's Complicated is facing the axe because of falling viewer figures, according to reports. IMDB.COM

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Oprah plays politics with ratings

IntelleVision

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TALK THE VOTE: As everyone from the Catholic Church to Sharon Stone has learned, playing politics is often a losing game, and now it seems that Oprah Winfrey is the latest to get an education in this elemental law of nature.

The New York Post's Page Six ran a story this week on how two University of Maryland economists had concluded that Winfrey had delivered a million votes to U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama in the Democratic primaries. Using "complex numerical formulas" based on book sales, TV ratings, voter turnout, mean average temperatures for primary states based on previous election years, traffic patterns, college enrolment figures, the price of oil and the number of times Randy Jackson said "dog" during the last season of American Idol, Craig Garthwaite and Tim Moore were able to calculate that Winfrey was the motivating force behind precisely 1,015,519 primary votes for Obama, and his startling defeat of Hillary Clinton.

This manifestation of political clout is a double-edged sword, however, as it was earlier noted that Winfrey's ratings had dropped since she came out for Obama last fall. In a piece in the Los Angeles Times' Top Of The Ticket political blog, Andrew Malcolm detailed how Winfrey's show has lost half a million viewers since this time last year, and how her "favorable ratings had fallen from 74% to 66% while her unfavorable ratings jumped by more than 50% from 17% to 26%."

A mention of this shift last April, while the Democratic primaries were still a contested thing, prompted an avalanche of comments on the Times blog by female Hillary supporters angry about Winfrey abandoning what they considered the most viable female presidential candidate ever. As noted on several blogs at the same time was the likelihood a notable portion of Winfrey's viewership — stay-at-home mothers — might have been Republican supporters. Many commenters on the Times blog said they'd switched their allegiances to Ellen DeGeneres' show, while others claimed to have sold their TVs to buy ammunition.

Winfrey's ratings have been declining for much longer than the current election cycle, however, as the Times noted a drop in viewers from nine million during the show's zenith three years ago to 7.3 million today, with a 25 per cent loss of female audience between 25 and 54 during the same period. Still, it could have been worse; she could have endorsed Ralph Nader — or Ron Paul.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot now

1 Duffy

Mercy! Singer Duffy looks poised to become as famous for her face now that she's fronting a Nivea campaign in the U.S., the Daily Mirror reports. The wholesome ad spreads are set to run across 16 magazines later this month.

2 Backstreet Boys tour with Girlicious

Backstreet is back, all right. The '90s boy band has reunited for a North American tour, visiting dates across Canada. The group dazzles fans with its hit songs and signature dance moves.
Kicking off the show is opening act Girlicious, a group formed by Pussycat Dolls creator Robin Antin. So whether you were a fan or are just becoming a fan of either group, this show has all of the fun and bubblegum pop that music's been missing.

3 Big Brother

The summer hit is now in its 10th season and it's just beginning to heat up. A group of strangers live together under one roof for 12 weeks for a chance to win $500,000. Sounds easy? Houseguests are faced with physical and mental challenges to earn food, as well as the power to potentially send someone home. Now, viewers have begun voting online for their weekly "America's Player," to have a say as to what goes on in the house.

4 Grey's Anatomy: The Complete Fourth Season

Mark your calendars: Season 4 of the hit medical drama Grey's Anatomy, complete with doctors "McDreamy" and "McSteamy," comes out on DVD Sept. 9, but it's available to pre-order now on Amazon.ca. Seriously.

5 Just Dance, by Lady Gaga

People are going gaga for Lady Gaga's first single from her debut album, Fame, hitting stores next week. You can't help but dance to this The 22-year-old singer/songwriter's catchy tune.

6 When You Are Engulfed in Flames, by David Sedaris

If the title of David Sedaris' collection of essays isn't enough to grab your attention, his pieces on cringe-worth moments coupled with humour just might.

7 The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2: The Movie

Following the success of the book series and the first movie, the sequel looks at how four girls have grown up separately, while still maintaining their friendships. It's a great film to see with a group of girlfriends.

FRIDAY

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	617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
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	-	374	14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	Anne of Green Gables			Chronicles	Marley Live!
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Raymond	CSI: Miami		XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)				
	-	373	22 KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
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	617	522	32 SHOW	A Valentine Carol (2007, Romance) Emma Caulfield.				Time and Again (2007, Drama) Brooke Burns.				Kenny-Spenny
	520	505	35 DISC	Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	A Haunting "The Dark Side"		Dirty Jobs		Criss Angel
	628	584	43 SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		TNA iMPACT!				Xtreme 4x4
	522	516	45 HIST	Mob Stories		NCIS "Enigma"		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Face/Off ★★★ (1997, Action)		
	581	566	102 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs	Cribs	MTV Shuffle		MTV Live

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 8/10/08	243	317	3 CFCN	Instant Star (N)	Samantha Who	To Be Announced		Cold Case (HDTV)		Million Dollar Password		News (N)
	-	371	5 KXLY	4 News at 6	Ebert	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Housewives
	245	306	6 CBRT	(4) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)						XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)		
	244	338	7 CICT	renegadepress	American Dad	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	246	-	8 CKAL	Friends	Hates Chris	Funniest Home Videos		Super Troopers ★★ (2001, Comedy) Jay Chandrasekhar.				Speakers Crnr.
	119	705	9 CBXFT	Découverte (N)	La Zone olympique (N) (SC)			Le Téléjournal	Les XXIXe Jeux Olympiques d'été			
	-	372	12 KREM	News (N)		60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case
	-	374	14 KSPS	Germans in America		Nature (DVS)		Masterpiece (N) (DVS)			Passport-Adv.	P.O.V.
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Paid Program	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)						
	-	373	22 KAYU	American Idol Rewind		'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Sarah Connor Chronicles		News (N)
news	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Hiroshima ★★★ (1995, Drama) Lynne Adams, Wesley Addy.				CBC News: Sunday Night		Hiroshima
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400	21 TSN	(5:30) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)				SportsCentre		NASCAR Racing		Motoring 2008
	408	418	27 net	(6) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs.				Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected		Ult. Fighter
family	552	543	20 YTV	The Great Outdoors ★★ (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, John Candy.					Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach
	557	541	39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Dennis the Menace ★★ (1993, Comedy)		
cable variety	-	-	18 CHTV	Stunt Stars "12 Rounds"		The Soup (N)	Weekend	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		News (N)
	603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home	Nigella	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home
	615	520	26 A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Two Coreys	Two Coreys	Gene Simmons Family Jewels		Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons
	617	522	32 SHOW	Student Bodies	Billable Hours	Wide Awake (2007, Drama) Missy Peregrym.				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Layer Cake
	520	505	35 DISC	Left Earth: NASA Missions		MythBusters Submerged car.		Rogue Nature "Hippo; Croc"		Left Earth: NASA Missions		NASA
	628	584	43 SPIKE	Training Day ★★★ (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington, Scott Glenn.					Training Day ★★★ (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington.			
	522	516	45 HIST	Lost Inventions		NCIS "Bete Noir"		Underworld Histories		Casino ★★★ (1995, Crime Drama)		
	581	566	102 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs

Rumour denied
A representative for Shia Labeouf has denied reports the actor will have to lose a finger on the hand he injured in a car crash last month. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Investigation into Heath's death closed

LEGAL The U.S. Attorney's Office closed its investigation into Heath Ledger's accidental overdose death and will not enforce a subpoena against Mary-Kate Olsen, a law-enforcement source has told People.

The probe was closed without any charges being filed.

Olsen, 22, was subpoenaed by a federal grand jury on April 23, but her attorney had been in negotiations with federal authorities since then, the source says.

Olsen had wanted immunity before testifying.

Olsen's attorney released a statement saying the actress "had nothing to do" with Ledger's drugs and had already provided "relevant information" to investigators.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and Olsen's rep both declined to comment.

Ledger, 28, was found dead in his New York apartment on Jan. 22, and the coroner determined the actor died of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs for pain, anxiety and sleep.

The federal probe focused on how he obtained Oxycontin and Vicodin, two powerful and often-abused painkillers for which Ledger had no prescription.

Masseuse Diana Wolozin found Ledger lying on his bed shortly after 3 p.m., and called Olsen three times, records show. The longest call lasted one minute and three seconds.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Sienna's pals speak up

RELATIONSHIPS Friends of Sienna Miller say the actress is no home wrecker — and she never would have gone near her new love, Balthazar Getty, if he was still with his wife, Rosetta, Page-Six.com reports.

"She and Balthazar met through friends and he was already separated from his wife," one close associate told Page Six. In fact, when Getty announced in July that he'd split up with Rosetta, the mother of his four children, "he'd been sleeping on friends' couches for six months."

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celebrity brief

Britney denies selling pictures

RUMOUR Britney Spears has denied brokering a deal with the paparazzi to take pictures of her on holiday in Mexico, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pop star has been accused of deliberately posing for photographers during a recent break in Cabo San Lucas and taking a cut of the sale price.

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celebrity brief

Amy wants to offer advice

RADIO Amy Winehouse wants to be an agony aunt on her father's radio show, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The troubled singer is reportedly keen to use her experiences to help others when her dad Mitch co-hosts a BBC London afternoon show on Sept. 1.

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Privacy please: Kidman

PEOPLE Nicole Kidman and her husband Keith Urban have urged the media in her native Australia to leave the family alone during their visit to the country, imdb.com reports.

Kidman gave birth to the couple's first child, Sunday Rose, last month in Nashville, Tenn., and they flew back to Kidman's hometown of Sydney on Wednesday to show off the tot to the actress' friends and family.

The couple refused to agree to a magazine deal and sell pictures of the new arrival, and Kidman fears the move may spark chaos during their holiday as photographers clamber to get the first pictures of the baby.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Whenever you are faced with a sea of personal troubles, nothing beats focusing intently on the shortcomings and hardships of others to make you feel better. So I really can't blame **Amy Winehouse** for wanting to play the role of agony aunt on her father's radio show.

I would have to think twice before calling in, though. I mean, who in this world has problems that **Amy Winehouse** is going to think are serious? "Your boyfriend broke up with you? Really? Is he in jail for intimidating witnesses? Are you in trouble for obstructing justice? Are you a drug addict with possible emphysema?" If your question didn't involve asking about the best way to freebase cocaine in the back of a taxi, you'd feel bad for having bothered her.

I think the only people who ought to be seeking advice from our Amy are other celebrities.

"Hi **Amy**, it's **Sienna**. I just can't seem to stop wrecking homes. No, I'm not a workaholic contractor. I sleep with other women's husbands!"

"Hi **Amy**, you can call me **M-K**. I used to be on a TV show with my twin sister. A friend of mine is already taking prescription pills for pain, anxiety, and sleep disorders, and he wants to borrow some of mine. What should I do?"

"**Amy**, it's **Katie**. My husband purposely calls me by his own name and sleeps in a tinfoil box. Is that normal?"

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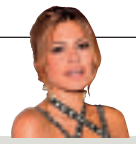
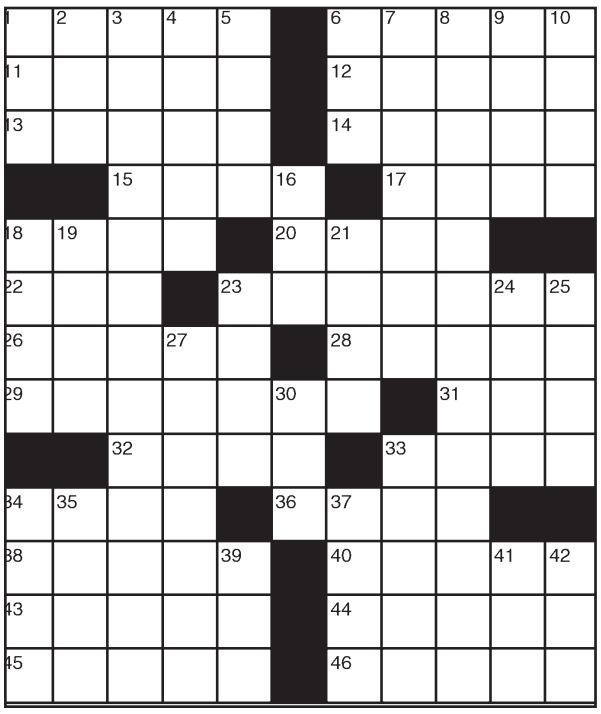
Mendes refuses talk on rehab

Eva Mendes, right, who entered Utah's Cirque Lodge centre in February to tend to "some personal issues," is refusing to elaborate on her stint in rehab, reports femalefirst.co.uk. "I have to think of the pain it might bring my mother," she said. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Take Five



Crossword down

1 Tour carrier
2 Hill builder
3 Switched positions
4 Tailed toys
5 Goblet feature
6 Energy
7 Hawks' home
8 Made a connection
9 English county
10 Tart fruit
16 Not working
18 Sow's mate
19 Poet Sexton
21 Charity
23 Shipshape
24 Geometry calculation
25 Substance
27 Chemical mixture
30 Trip part
33 Moves like a butterfly
34 Argument
35 Fast runner
37 Basilica part
39 Devilfish
41 Genesis name
42 Application form box

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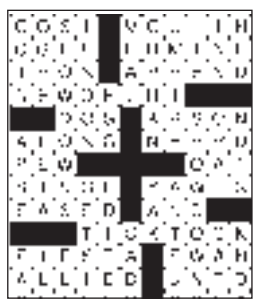
Crossword across

1 Some footballers
6 Prepares for a trip
11 Not struck
12 One of the Kennedys
13 Map area
14 Texas town
15 Animated fish
17 Pot starter
18 Supermarket haul
20 Viper feature
22 Afternoon hour
23 Jets, e.g.
26 Tennis star Agassi
28 Mexican mom
29 Annuls
31 Soup bit
32 Overdue
33 Toneless
34 Carpet type
36 Charity affair
38 Sulky puller
40 Needle droppers
43 Sports setting
44 Jobs at Apple
45 Snappish
46 English county

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
An asinine person tries to please a busy worker. Inspire a raving lunatic to find serenity. A stern man causes mayhem in a love life.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Traveling leads to the disclosure of a secret. A beast of burden refuses to go on. Get your work done before indulging in fun times.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Strange weather will interfere with a woman's plans. Keys and commands will baffle you. Be suspicious about unfamiliar packaging.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A thinker will send an invitation. Questionable tactics will strain communications. A scheming man wants you to give in.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An internet chat friend changes the tune. Anger erupts as irritation breaks loose. A speaker with the gift of gab teaches important lessons.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A touch of madness puts everyone at ease. Someone seeks removal of an air of secrecy. Composure shatters when bad news arrives.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Satisfaction results from a job well done. Your love life adjusts itself in a peculiar way. A stairway is the setting for a mysterious event.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Accidents and road rage are likely. A troubled teen has a message that brings relief. An authority figure is given special treatment.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
An old sweetheart is trying to find you. Someone has happy news of increasing income. Love will find an older woman.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A stupid misunderstanding leads to hurt feelings. A phone call gives reason for optimism. Someone dear to you will get an award..

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Having a thoughtful discussion will ground you. Take care when talking about your love life. An over-eager man makes trouble.

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AUG. 8, 1876: Thomas Edison receives a patent for his mimeograph.
AUG. 8, 1908: Wilbur Wright makes his first flight at a racecourse at Le Mans, France. It's the Wright Brothers' first public flight and the French public goes wild.
AUG. 8, 1947: Pakistan's National Flag is approved.
AUG. 8, 1949: Bhutan becomes independent.
AUG. 8, 1963: Great Train Robbery: In England, a gang of 15 train robbers steal 2.6 million pounds in bank notes.
AUG. 8, 1991: John McCarthy, British Journalist held hostage in Lebanon for more than five years by Islamic Jihad, is released.

Sudoku

					5	2		
			6	4		1		
1	3	2				5		
2			1		8		4	
	7						2	
	9		5		3			7
		4				8	9	3
		7		9	6			
		9	4					

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	6	7	5	3	4	8	1	2
3	1	2	7	8	9	6	5	4
4	8	5	2	1	6	9	3	7
6	3	1	4	9	8	7	2	5
7	5	4	3	6	2	1	9	8
8	2	9	1	7	5	4	6	3
2	4	6	9	5	7	3	8	1
1	7	8	6	2	3	5	4	9
5	9	3	8	4	1	2	7	6

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13. . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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The Weather Network theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
70%			60%	40%
Thunder-showers. 28°	Thunder-showers. Low 13°	Sunny. 28°/ 11°	Showers. 18°/ 9°	Variable. 18°/ 11°

Temperature
Normals
High: 23°
Low: 8.5°

Records
High: 33.3°/1933
Low: 1.1°/1917

Sunrise: 6:12 a.m.
Sunset: 9:09 p.m.
Moonrise: 3:19 p.m.
Moonset: 11:25 p.m.

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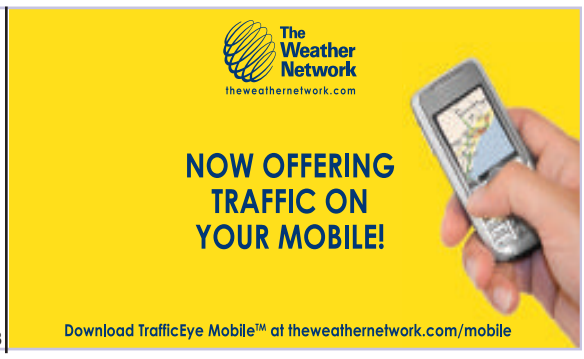

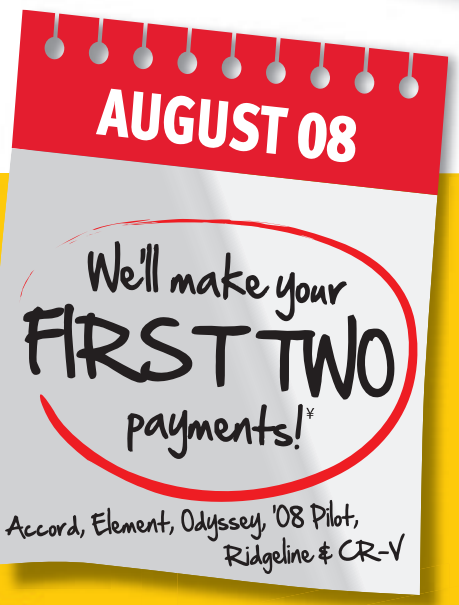

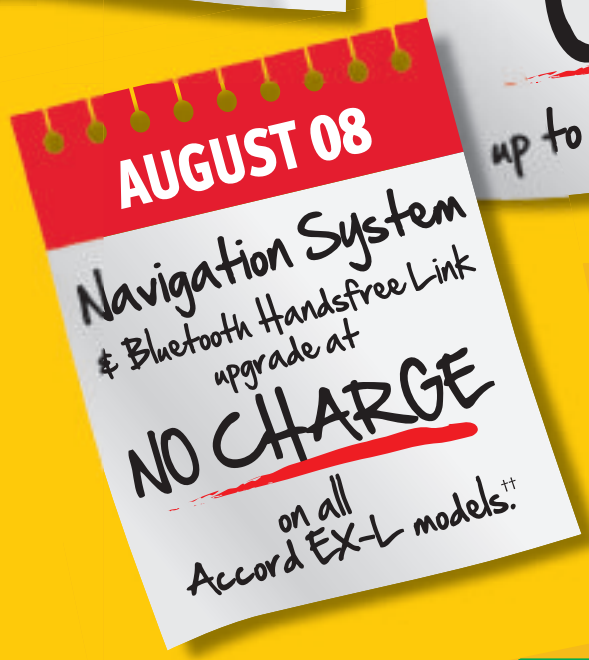

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